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Library of Congress Will Go Online To the Nation at 14 Test Sites

Librarian of Congress James H. Billington has announced the selection of 14 libraries as sites for a pilot project to test dial-up access to the Library's computer databases.

The six-month experiment will put the Library online to the nation by offering direct access to its automated bibliographic, congressional bill-status, copyright, and referral information.

The project is an outgrowth of Dr. Billington's meetings with librarians across the country last year, in which he received numerous requests for general access to the Library's online computer systems.

The Library's online data on a terminal in the Main Reading Room. (Photo ©Harry N. Abrams, Inc.)

"We received 63 excellent applications," Dr. Billington said, "and had to make some hard choices to achieve a balanced mix of test sites by type of library and by geographic distribution, once the basic criteria were satisfied." These criteria included: (1) long experience with online database access; (2) experience in providing online access and training to library patrons; (3) staff to train library patrons to use the Library of Congress system; (4) institutional commitment to pay for telecommunications costs; (5) the existence of equipment and

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any software necessary to connect to the Library of Congress computer system; (6) financial commitment to send one staff member to the Library of Congress for a two-day training session; and (7) willingness to compile test data.

The selected sites are: **Boston Public Library,** a large urban institution and a member of the Association of Research Libraries (ARL); **District of Columbia Public Library,** a source of frequent referrals to the Library of Congress; the **United States Information Agency,** with libraries serving all branches of the U.S. Government abroad; **Los Alamos National Laboratory,** serving the Federal and academic scientific community; the **state libraries of California, Oregon, and New York,** which provide a broad range of services to legislators, libraries, and residents of their states; **Lehigh University** and **University of Southern California,** both active in automated information retrieval; **University of Kentucky/Kentucky State Library,** which together serve a largely rural population; **University of Maryland,** currently cooperating with the Library of Congress in building user-friendly access to the Library's online system; **University of Michigan** and **Duke University,** both major research institutions; and **Florida State University School of Library and Information Studies,** a learning site for the library profession's future automation experts.

"Through the pilot, we hope to determine the feasibility, desirability, and need for remote online access to the Library of Congress Information System (LOCIS)," noted Suzanne Thorin, coordinator of the pilot project. "The data generated should also provide information to aid in the definition of future services and products for the Library's constituents," she added.

The *Library of Congress Information Bulletin* is issued weekly by the Information Office of the Library of Congress and distributed free of charge to publicly supported libraries and research institutions, academic libraries, learned societies, and allied organizations in the United States.

Comparable institutions and organizations in other countries may arrange to receive the *Bulletin* on an exchange basis by applying in writing to the Library's Exchange and Gift Division. All other correspondence should be addressed to the LC *Information Bulletin,* Information Office, Library of Congress, Washington, DC 20540.

Bruce Tapper, Editor

NTIS Awards DEZ License to AKZO Chemicals

The Library of Congress has announced that the National Technical Information Service (NTIS) has awarded a Chicago-based chemical company a license to commercially market the DEZ (diethyl zinc) deacidification process that dramatically retards book and document deterioration. The newly licensed company, AKZO Chemicals, is a division of a Dutch company. The process was the invention of Library of Congress preservation scientists. The deacidification procedure involves transferring a large quantity of books or documents into a vacuum chamber and over a 50-hour period saturating the materials with a deacidifying gas (DEZ) and leaving a slight residue of zinc oxide.

Because most printed materials since 1850 have been printed on acidic paper, collections on a universal scale are now in a rapid state of decay. Paper books become so brittle after only 50 to 100 years that pages crumble at the touch. The DEZ process slows deterioration in stronger paper, increasing its useful life by between 200 and 400 years. The DEZ process was researched and pioneered in the Library's Preservation Research and Testing Office.

NTIS, an arm of the U.S. Department of Commerce, has the legal authority to license U.S. government patents to commercial firms through a competitive process. AKZO, as winner of the license, will now have the right to market the process domestically and abroad. It hopes to reach the many institutions, universities, and libraries that are in need of immediate relief from the insidious acid that is threatening to render collections useless.

Speaking for the Library of Congress, Peter Sparks, director of the Library's Preservation Office, said, "We feel that we are fulfilling the Library's research goals by making this proven process available to libraries and archives throughout the world."

Library Receives Grant From Luce Foundation For Operations In Bangkok

The Library of Congress has received a three-year grant of $200,000 from the Henry Luce Foundation to establish a cooperative acquisitions program in Thailand. The aim of the program is to significantly improve the quality of U.S. research collections of Southeast Asian materials – from Burma, Cambodia, Laos, Thailand, and Vietnam.

The funds will be used to rent space, expand staff, and develop an automated acquisition system in Bangkok. The funds will also support the purchase of publications for participating libraries on a decreasing annual basis.

Management of the Bangkok office

will be shared by the Jakarta and New Delhi field offices, the former primarily concerned with acquisitions and the latter primarily with cataloging.

CDS Service Tailors MARC Database for National Bibliography

Libraries can develop or enhance bibliographies specific to a country or language with *MDS Select–National Profiles*, a new service from the Cataloging Distribution Service (CDS) of the Library of Congress.

Using *MDS Select–National Profiles*, librarians can set up a standing computer profile to automatically select MARC books records from the *MDS–Books All* file for everything cataloged by the Library of Congress in a particular language or country, or a particular language in a given country. Users can tailor their individual selection profiles by choosing any codes from the *USMARC Code List for Countries* or the *USMARC Code List for Languages*.

The country option "United States" cannot be selected as a sole country option. This file is already available for purchase from CDS as *MDS–Books U.S.* Also, "English" can only be selected as a language option in combination with a country other than the United States. Records for all English-language notices are available through *MDS–Books English*. Complete details about either service can be found in the CDS *MARC 1989* brochure.

MDS Select–National Profiles includes all MARC records for monographs cataloged by the Library of Congress, including Cataloging in Publication (CIP) records and contributed records created by libraries participating in the National Coordinated Cataloging Project (NCCP).

MDS Select–National Profiles is available in two formats, USMARC and UNIMARC, and on either magnetic tape (1600 or 6250 bpi) or tape cartridge. A retrospective file service costs $700 (U.S.) and $735 (international). An annual subscription update service costs $630 (U.S.) and $660 (international). Both are available from CDS.

To order *MDS Select–National Profiles*, or obtain more information, contact: Customer Services Section, Cataloging Distribution Service, Library of Congress, Washington, DC 20541; telephone: (202) 707-6100.

Name Authorities Now on CD-ROM

The complete Library of Congress name authority file can now be accessed on personal computers. Developed by the Library's Cataloging Distribution Service (CDS), the new CD-ROM product, *CDMARC Names*, is a three-disc set containing nearly 2.5 million personal, corporate, series, and title authority records.

"*CDMARC Names* is both easy to use and a cost-effective way to obtain machine-readable records," said Dominick Mormino, assistant customer services officer, CDS. "It lets you create original records and do copy cataloging quicker and more efficiently than ever before."

CDMARC Names allows users to: (1) locate a name authority record in seconds with powerful SEARCH, BROWSE, and KEYWORD capabilities (every word can be searched–there are no stopwords or search limitations, and no search is too complex); (2) choose and narrow the search by record type or other qualifier; and, (3) search and browse five separate indexes: Names, Title, Keyword, LC Class Number, and LC Authority Control Number.

CDMARC Names runs on both single and multiple drives. For the single drive user, there are prompts telling when to load each disc. For multiple drive users, discs may be inserted in any order–the product's "virtual disc system" finds the correct disc on its own.

CDMARC Names makes it possible to build an authority base by downloading or exporting records, with no down time and no telecommunications charges, according to Mr. Mormino. Three display options are available: the main name and any variants, the catalog card image, or the USMARC-tagged record format. With additional equipment, users can display and print out the full ALA (American Library Association) extended character set.

"Users will find *CDMARC Names* compatible with *CDMARC Subjects*," Mr. Mormino said. "Both use the same retrieval software. And, a few simple keystrokes can take you from *Names*, to *Subjects* and back again."

Also available on CD-ROM, *CDMARC Subjects* is the Library of Congress' complete subject authority file on a single compact disc. "*CDMARC Subjects* features the same powerful capabilities, ease of use, and system flexibility as *CDMARC Names*," Mr. Mormino said.

A third CD-ROM product, *CDMARC Bibliographic*, the Library of Congress' entire bibliographic authority file on CD-ROM, is expected in early 1990.

These CDMARC products can be used on any CD-ROM drive on the market that supports the High Sierra standard and uses Microsoft DOS extensions. They work on IBM PC/XT/AT class computers or compatibles having at least 640K RAM and running DOS version 3.1 or higher.

A one-year subscription to *CDMARC Names* costs $375 (U.S.) or $450 (international). *CDMARC Names* subscriptions include fully cumulated quarterly updates, a reference manual in a 3-ring binder, a keyboard template, retrieval software, and a ready-reference card.

Free demonstration diskettes of

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both *Names* and *Subjects* are available on request. To order or receive more information, write or call: Customer Services Section, Cataloging Distribution Service, Library of Congress, Washington, DC 20541; (202) 707-6100.

Directory of Japanese Scientific Periodicals

The Asian Division of the Library of Congress has received the 1988 edition of *Nihon kagaku gijutsu kankei chikuji kankobutsu soran* [formerly *mokuroku*], the *Directory of Japanese Scientific Periodicals*, published in Tokyo by the National Diet Library. It is an enlarged and updated version of the 1984 edition, contains entries for 11,140 serials currently published in Japan in the fields of science and technology, and includes geography and cartography, architecture, landscaping, photography, and cinematography. It contains 1,571 more titles than the preceding edition.

Each entry consists of the title and the publisher/editor (in Japanese/romanization/English or supplied English translation), publisher's address (in Japanese/romanization), frequency, language of text and of abstract, price, nature of contents (for example, original papers, reviews, news, and popular science articles), ISSN, and other pertinent information. Entries are arranged by class according to the Universal Decimal Classification, 2nd Japanese medium ed., 1984.

A separate volume contains indexes of titles and of publishers/editors in romanized Japanese and in English. This new edition enhances the usefulness of this reference tool because of its currency and inclusiveness.

The book can be consulted in the office of the Japanese Section, Asian Division, Room LA 1014. For information on ordering the book, write to the National Diet Library, 1-10-1 Nagatacho, Chiyoda-ku, Tokyo 100, Japan.

–Yoshiko Yoshimura

Austrian Author Reads at the Library

Prince Karl Lubomirski, Austrian author and president of the PEN Club Liechtenstein, visited the Library of Congress on August 7.

During his visit, Prince Lubomirski recorded for the Library's Archive of World Literature on Tape, reading excerpts from his works, including *Meridiane der Hoffnung* and his latest book *Licht und Asche*.

Prince Lubomirski, who was born in Austria as a scion of a Polish noble family, currently resides in Italy. Many of his poems have been translated into Italian and Polish and have appeared in leading literary journals.

His visit to the Library was arranged by the Embassy of Austria.

–Margrit Krewson

Recent NLS Publications

The following publications are available free on request from the National Library Service for the Blind and Physically Handicapped (NLS/BPH), Library of Congress, Washington, DC 20542:

Talking Book Topics, July-August 1989, Volume 55, Number 4, ISSN 0039-9183. Bimonthly annotated listing of books added to the Library's national talking-books collection. Includes news about free library services and lists popular recorded magazines. In large print, on cassette, and on disc.

Braille Book Review, July-September 1989, Volume 58, Number 4, ISSN 0006-873X. Bimonthly annotated listing of books added to the Library's national braille collection. Also reports on free library services, announces books available from independent agencies, and lists popular magazines. In large print and braille.

News, July-September 1989, Volume 20, Number 3, ISSN 0160-9211. Quarterly report on national and international activities in library services for blind and physically handicapped individuals. In print and braille.

Update, July-August 1989, Volume 12, Number 3, ISSN 0160-9203. Quarterly newsletter with information for volunteers who record and braille materials and maintain equipment used by talking-book readers. In print and braille.

Volunteers Who Produce Books 1988, ISSN 0193-113. Directory gives names, alphabetically by state, of volunteer groups and individuals who transcribe into braille and record books and other reading materials. In large print and braille.

Short Stories 1989, ISSN 0-8444-0648-1. A guide to selected short story collections as well as an index to the titles within the collections. Lists disc, cassette, and braille books in the network library collections provided by NLS/BPH. In large print and on disc.

Library Resources for the Blind and Physically Handicapped 1989, ISSN 0364-1236. A directory of the national library service, administered by NLS/BPH, that provides recorded and braille materials. Includes information on NLS/BPH network libraries and machine-lending agencies; other national library resources; and readership, circulation, and budget statistics. In print.

Library and Information Services to Persons with Disabilities, (89-1, June 1989). Reference bibliography listing items of national interest. In print.

STAFF NEWS

1988–89 Intern Class Graduates

The 1988–89 intern class. Seated: Diane Capetz (left), Tangela Roe, Kersti Blumenthal. Standing, first row: Cheryl Graunke (left), Jennifer Marill, Laurie Serikaku, Steven Kerchoff. Standing, second row: Teresa Meikle (left), William Moen, Carolyn Smith.

The members of the 1988–89 Library of Congress intern class were awarded certificates of graduation by Librarian of Congress James H. Billington at a program held in the Whittall Pavilion courtyard on May 26.

Congratulatory remarks were made by Ben Benitez, director of human resources, and Fern Underdue, program coordinator. David Bender, executive director of the Special Libraries Association, delivered a keynote speech on the future of American libraries. Steven Kerchoff spoke on behalf of the intern class.

This event marked the successful completion of the first nine-month intern program. The program combined lectures, seminars, discussions, and work experiences designed to give interns an opportunity to view the Library's activities and provide a thorough knowledge of the Library's many functions.

The former 20-week program was extended by four months in order to allow more opportunities for long-term work experiences and to provide an opportunity for each intern to work in the Office of the Librarian.

The members of the 1988-89 intern class and the Library of Congress divisions in which they are now employed are: Kersti Blumenthal, Shared Cataloging Division; Diane Capetz, Whole Book Cataloging Division; Cheryl Graunke, Congressional Reference Division; Steven Kerchoff, Visitor Services; Jennifer Marill, Automation Planning and Liaison Office; Teresa Meikle, Science and Technology Division; William Moen, Network Development and MARC Standards Office; Tangela Roe, Library Services Division; Laurie Serikaku, General Reading Rooms Division; and Carolyn Smith, Congressional Reference Division.

Margaret Whitlock, who is the assistant chief of the Congressional Reference Division, served as professional advisor for the class.

Filing Staff Honored

The members of the Filing Unit of the Catalog Management and Publication Division (CM&P) were recently presented with incentive awards for their completion of two major projects: the review of 25 million cards in the Main Card Catalog in preparation for the microfilming of the catalog by K.G. Saur, Inc., and the weeding of the Official Card Catalog. The awards were presented by Henriette D. Avram, assistant librarian for processing services, during a ceremony held in the Processing Services office on July 11.

According to a letter of commendation from Librarian of Congress

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Percell Arrington Marks 30 Years of Service

Mr. Arrington (right) receives his award from Associate Librarian Donald Curran (left). With them is Donald Wisdom, chief, Serial and Government Publications Division.

Percell Arrington, a senior newspaper processor, was recently presented with a Federal Service Award in recognition of his 30 years of work at the Library of Congress.

Mr. Arrington joined the staff of the Library in 1959 as a member of the Building Services Division. Within a year, he was transferred to the Newspaper and Periodical Section of the Serial Division (now the Serial and Government Publications Division), where he advanced to his current position.

In 1975, Mr. Arrington received a letter of commendation for his invaluable work with the Library's Human Relations Committee. He was also the recipient of a meritorious service award in 1985 for his assistance in expediting the move of the Serial and Government Publications Division to the James Madison Memorial Building.

A native of Nashville, N.C., Mr. Arrington graduated from Nash County Training High School and went on to study at Elizabeth City Teachers College, Elizabeth City, N.C.

Known to his friends as "Big Daddy," Mr. Arrington is married and the father of two children.

Staff Activities

John Y. Cole, director of the Center for the Book, received a special citation from the White House Conference on Libraries and Information Services Task Force (WHCLIST) on August 17 for his "commitment and special support for the betterment of libraries and the improvement of library services." The award was presented to Dr. Cole in Portland, Oreg., at the 10th WHCLIST annual meeting.

Peter Fay, head librarian of the Library of Congress Performing Arts Library at the Kennedy Center, will again appear as a panelist on the WETA/Channel 26 series "Around Town," now in its fifth season. The award-winning program, that reviews the arts in the Washington, D.C., metropolitan area, returns to the air on Thursday, September 21, at 8:30 p.m. Broadcasts are repeated on Saturdays at 5:30 p.m.

Joan F. Higbee, librarian, Shared Cataloging Division, is the author of *Scholars' Guide to Washington, D.C. for Southwest European Studies: France, Italy (Including Ancient Rome), Malta, Portugal, Spain, and the Vatican.* Written for the Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars and published by the Wilson Center Press, the 500-page work is intended to benefit individuals who wish to explore the vast research resources of the Washington, D.C., area.

Approximately 500 collections, organizations, and agencies were surveyed as part of the preparation for this volume, which describes and evaluates holdings in libraries, archives, museums, United States government agencies, Southwest European embassies, international organizations, private professional and cultural associations, and cultural-exchange and technical-assistance organizations. Subject coverage ranges from Roman law to current medical research undertaken by teams of American and Southwest European scientists supported by the National Institutes of Health. Five indexes provide access to information in the text.

David McClave, senior research analyst, Federal Research Division, presented a paper at the conference, "Technology-Based Confidence-

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Building Measures: Energy and Environment," that was held in Santa Fe, N. Mex., in July. The title of the paper was "The Greening of Superpower Relations: Cooperation in Environmental Protection and Conservation of Resources." The conference was sponsored by the University of California and organized and hosted by Los Alamos National Laboratory.

Filers *(Cont. from p. 317)*
James H. Billington, the filers' efforts will enable the Library to make the Main Catalog available to users worldwide. The weeding of the Official Catalog, Dr. Billington noted, has contributed to "increased ease and speed in using the catalog, the freeing of valuable space, and the availability of card cases for use elsewhere in the Library."

At the ceremony, Gloria H. Hsia, chief of CM&P, praised the filers for their hard work, dedication, and flexibility. In spite of being moved six times, the filers persevered and completed the projects in a timely fashion, Mrs. Hsia said.

Award recipients included Neva A. Littlejohn, supervisor, Catalog Maintenance Unit, National Union Catalog (NUC) Control Section, and Juanita Hines, supervisor, Filing Unit, NUC Control Section. Also honored were catalog filers Barbara N. Brown, Sylvia Cook, Edward L. Dotson, James D. Goldie, Steve H. Gray, Wayne R. Gray, George A. McKay, Ann I. Shaw, Charles H. Williams, and William W. Witmer, Jr.

"CNN Newsroom" Hosts Are Family Day Parade Judges

Brian Todd and Cassandra Henderson, co-hosts of "CNN Newsroom," will be among the special guest judges of the "Parade of Storybook Characters" at the Library of Congress Family Day on Saturday, September 16.

"CNN Newsroom" is a daily, 15-minute news program for schools. The program was launched in August by the Turner Broadcasting System, Inc. (TBS), and is designed to be used as a current affairs teaching tool for junior and senior high school students. It airs weekdays from Atlanta on CNN at 3:45 a.m. (EDT). Teachers at participating schools can set classroom videocassette recorders to tape the newscast and then play it for students during the next school day. "CNN Newsroom" is being offered to schools across the country as a public service of TBS and the cable television industry.

The "Parade of Storybook Characters" will be one of the main children's activities at Family Day 1989. Mr. Todd and Ms. Henderson will join fellow judges Beth Mastin, director of program outreach for WETA/26, and Pamela Stitt, wife of the late jazz musician Sonny Stitt, in awarding prizes.

Staff Carpool Locator

Rider/driver seeks to join carpool from Franconia, Va., area. Flexitime schedule, 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Call V. Clyburn, ext. 77919.

Carpool from Burtonsville/Briggs Chaney/White Oak, Md., area seeks additional driver. Schedule is 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Free parking. Call Ilene, ext. 75885.

Rider seeks carpool from N. Arlington near the East Falls Church, Ballston, or Virginia Square Metro stops. Schedule is 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Call Jade Falkowski, ext. 76433.

Carpool originating from Route 1 and Beltway 495 in College Park, Md., seeks additional rider. Schedule is 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Call Lynne Hammette, ext. 76050.

Meetings and Events Around the Library

Monday, September 25
☐ U.S. Secretary of Education Lauro F. Cavazos speaks on "1980–The Year of the Young Reader," LC Hispanic Heritage Month program. Coolidge Auditorium, 1:30 p.m.

Friday, September 29
☐ Opening of exhibition "'To Make All Laws': The Congress of the United States, 1789–1989." Madison Gallery.

Monday, October 2
☐ "Language, Nonsense, and Poetry," talk by Poet Laureate Howard Nemerov. Mumford Room, 6 p.m.

Tuesday, October 3
☐ "Children's Literature from Puerto Rico: Then and Now," Mumford Room, 10–11:30 a.m. LC Hispanic Heritage Month program.

Wednesday, October 4
☐ "Zoot Suit," film screening. LC Hispanic Heritage Month program. Pickford Theater, 12 noon.

Thursday, October 5
☐ "Zoot Suit," film screening. LC Hispanic Heritage Month program. Pickford Theater, 12 noon.

Thursday, October 12
☐ "America Revisited: In Preparation for the Quincentenary of Columbus' First Voyage to the New World," Alicia M. González, Smithsonian Institution, and John R. Hébert, Library of Congress. LC Hispanic Cultural Society. Dining Room A, 12 noon.

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